

The
Smarts

Hey there!



We are Donald and Paige Smart

We are excited to introduce ourselves! Our hearts are with you right now- we can only imagine how difficult this decision has been for you. This probably isn't your first choice, but I'm sure you have found yourself making the right choice for this child. Thanks for taking the time to learn what your child's life could look like with us.

We are here to support you 

Donald



- I work as a chemical engineer making medicines that help babies with rare diseases. I am grateful that I get to apply my love for problem solving in a way that helps people! My career offers a stable income for a child.
- My dad was in the Air Force and we moved around to some interesting places, most notably Alaska!
- We are all about making meaningful memories and we are without question a work hard, play hard family. The things that fill our lives up are quality time at home, weekend trips with our dog Milo, time with family and friends, and helping out on the family farm.
- I am about to watch Paige become a mother and I could not be more excited! She has so much love to give and will be an incredible parent. She can offer stability, guidance, fairness, and dedication to a child.

Donald's Fun Facts



I love to Hike! Especially in the mountains! its best done with Paige and Milo!



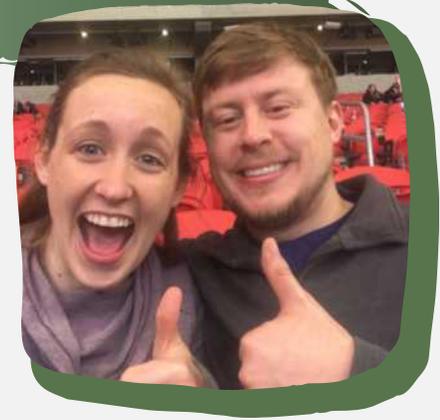
Playing guitar has been a huge part of my life. I started when I was 9 and music is a deep passion of mine!



I'm a guy...I like food. Pizza is the best food. Anyone who says otherwise can get outta here ;)



Paige



- I worked as a Regional Agronomist for 5 years, which involved teaching farmers how to manage their pastures. I recently left that position and transitioned to farming part time, which will ensure there is more time for the baby.
- In 2018, I started a company with my brother to manage cattle for other farmers during the winter months. We love it and I have thoroughly enjoyed returning to the farm to take care of the land and play with cows.
- Donald is the most thoughtful person I have ever met, and I can't wait to see him pour the same love and devotion into our children as I see him express with me, our dog, and our families. Donald will provide a stable, supportive fatherly role and he is the funny one, so I fully expect dad jokes galore.

Paige's Fun Facts



Being outside is the best! Hiking is our favorite, but we also boat, fish, kayak, play raquetball and basketball.



My passion for agriculture comes from my childhood growing up on the farm. I love playing in the dirt!



Landscaping and gardening are my hobbies! I love growing cut flowers and planting any shrubs I find on clearance.





The place we call HOME

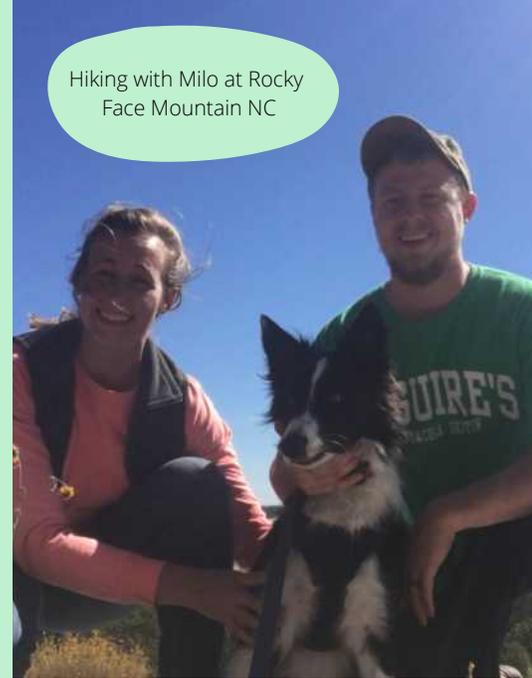
We aren't the most skilled, but we try our best to handle home renovations ourselves so we can learn and become more self sufficient people! Our families have been big helpers in this. We have finished all of the pictured projects, and our current project is a nursery.



You can see a small glimpse of the farm in the background of our engagement picture.



Hiking with Milo at Rocky Face Mountain NC



Milo wasn't sure about this kayaking thing!



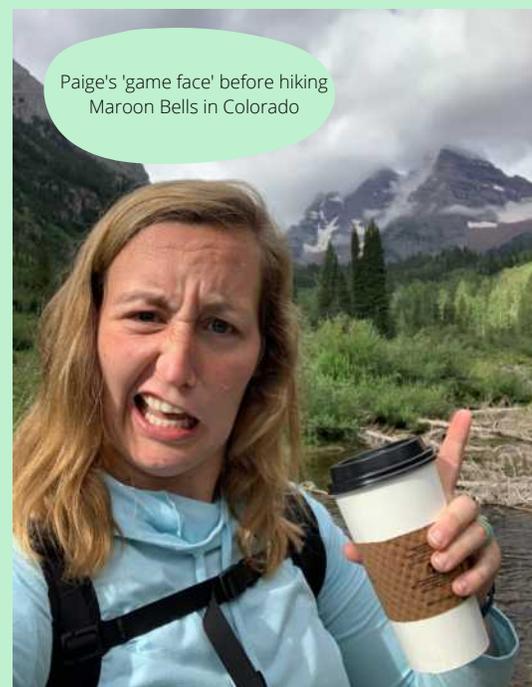
More hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park.



It's rare, but we do get fancy every now and again. Donald was a groomsman in a friends' wedding in Texas.



Paige's 'game face' before hiking Maroon Bells in Colorado



The Family

We are so fortunate to have great family members behind us.



Rose



Paige's mom

My mom is an artist! She primarily paints landscapes with oil pastels and teaches art classes to both kids and adults. My mom always finds a way to add her special touch to everything she does- whether that was cooking dinner for the family or planning an Easter Egg hunt.

David



Paige's dad



My dad is a farmer. He started his career as an optician- the people that make glasses- and transitioned to farming about 20 years ago. My dad LOVES to dance and is the guy that does everything he can to make sure people are having a great time. He loves riding his motorcycle with my mom, camping with the family, and water skiing.

Ryan



Paige's brother

My brother is a full time farmer. Even prior to starting our business, Ryan and I have always been close. He is a modern day MacGyver! He can fix or create anything with the items around him. Ryan has a house full of dogs, and loves to go on cruises!

Tina



Donald's mom



My mom is a school social worker. My mom is passionate about her work helping kids and their parents out of difficult situations. She loves to laugh, make a good time out of any situation, and go to "her happy place", the beach.

Don



Donald's dad

My dad works as an airplane mechanic after retiring from the Air Force with 22 years of service. He can identify a plane by the sound of it flying! He is an enduring, hardworking man. He loves to fish, hike, and is a total Marvel fanatic.

David and Paige didn't want a conventional father/daughter dance.... so they wobbled their way through it.



Left: Paige with Tyler- a family friend
Right: Donald with his dad at graduation



This was a COLD morning fishing in Canada with Tina.



Paige was a bridesmaid for her best friend, who had a Catholic and Hindu wedding. Pictured here with Donald and Ryan.

Horseback riding with Donald's extended family in Gatlinburg, TN.



Top: Paige's cousins

Below: Donald's granparent's and great Aunt



Donald's dad wasn't too proud of his "big catch"

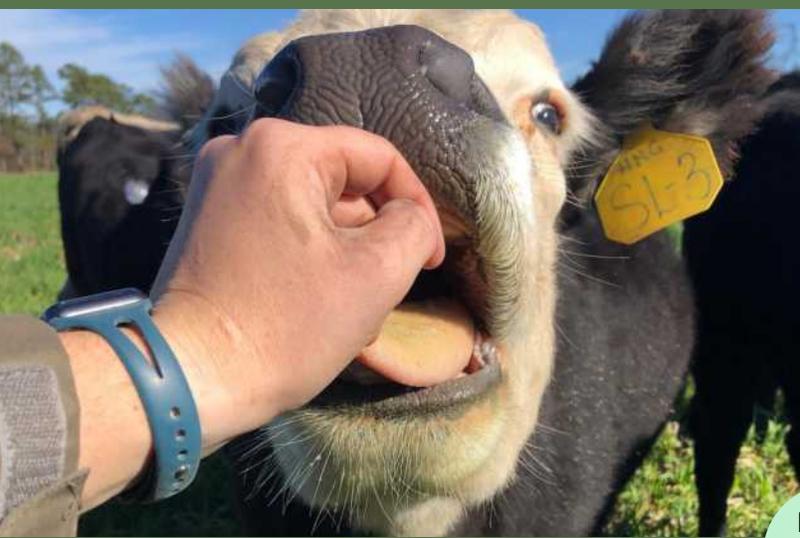
More Family



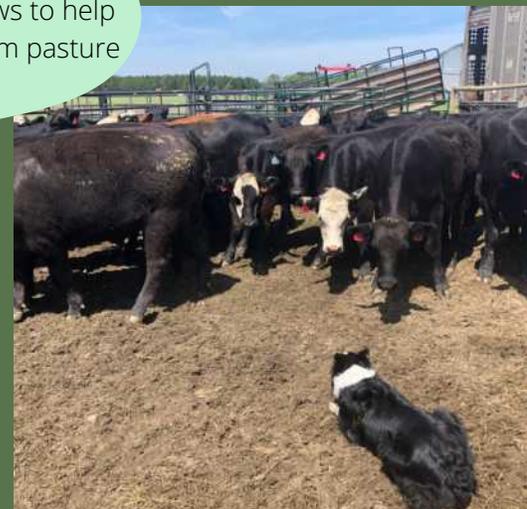
Playing a game at Christmas with the family

The Farm

The farm grows row crops like corn and soybeans during the summers and during the fall and winter, we graze cattle.



Most of the cows are very gentle. Milo loves to work the cows to help us move them around from pasture to pasture.



Our Friends

These are some of Paige's friends that worked on a dairy farm together! We love the "dairy strong" motto.



We do a ton of game nights with our friends- mostly strategy board games. We do golf on occasion- well, Donald golfs and Paige drives the cart.



A word from our friends

Dear birth mother,

Over the course of our decade long friendship, we have become vital friends to one another. Ryan and Deliesha can tell you first-hand how deserving these two are. They cherish their family, love one another so deeply, and are two of the most remarkable friends we have ever known. They are full of laughter, love, integrity, honesty, bravery, compassion, and patience. We have innumerable situations where we laugh over games, conversations, or life for hours with them; belly aching, side cramping kind of laughs!

They are the bravest couple we know! Their patience has no end; when they become overwhelmed they communicate with each other and practice patience through Donald's problem solving abilities and Paige's ability to be flexible. Ryan and I know that they would make phenomenal parents to your little bundle! We would be there every step of the way for support and to remind them of the values that they have set for their family. There are not enough words to thank you for making our friends whole. We hope that Donald and Paige are the right choice for you because for us, they are irreplaceable. With love and hope,

Ryan and Deliesha

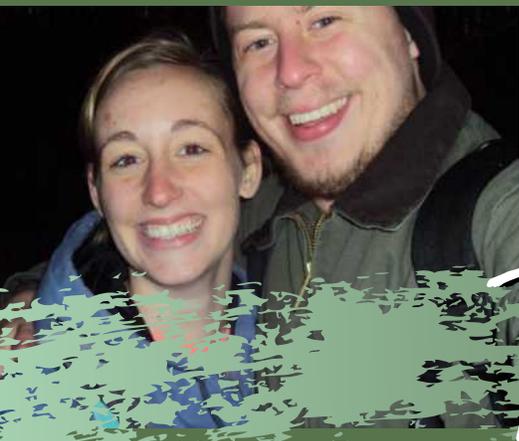


Our Values

Both of us come from families who lead by example- we believe the single best way to teach a child is through showing them examples of respect, work ethic, compassion, and optimism every day. We will be intentional in showcasing how to navigate life, how to treat others, and how to endure difficult situations in life with dignity and fairness. We are a team- we will be an example to your child of a strong marriage and strong family. There are many lessons to be learned, but we will not forget to have fun together as a family.

Your baby will go to the farm on the weekends to play on the hay bales and watch the cows graze. They will pick strawberries, go on long drives with us to get a Sonic drink, and share in reading books before bed. We will have family dinners where we talk about our days and goof off. We can offer a stable, loving home for your child. Our biggest goal is to give this baby the best life possible. Thank you for considering us, we hope we gave you enough insight into who we are and our everyday lives.





Thank you

